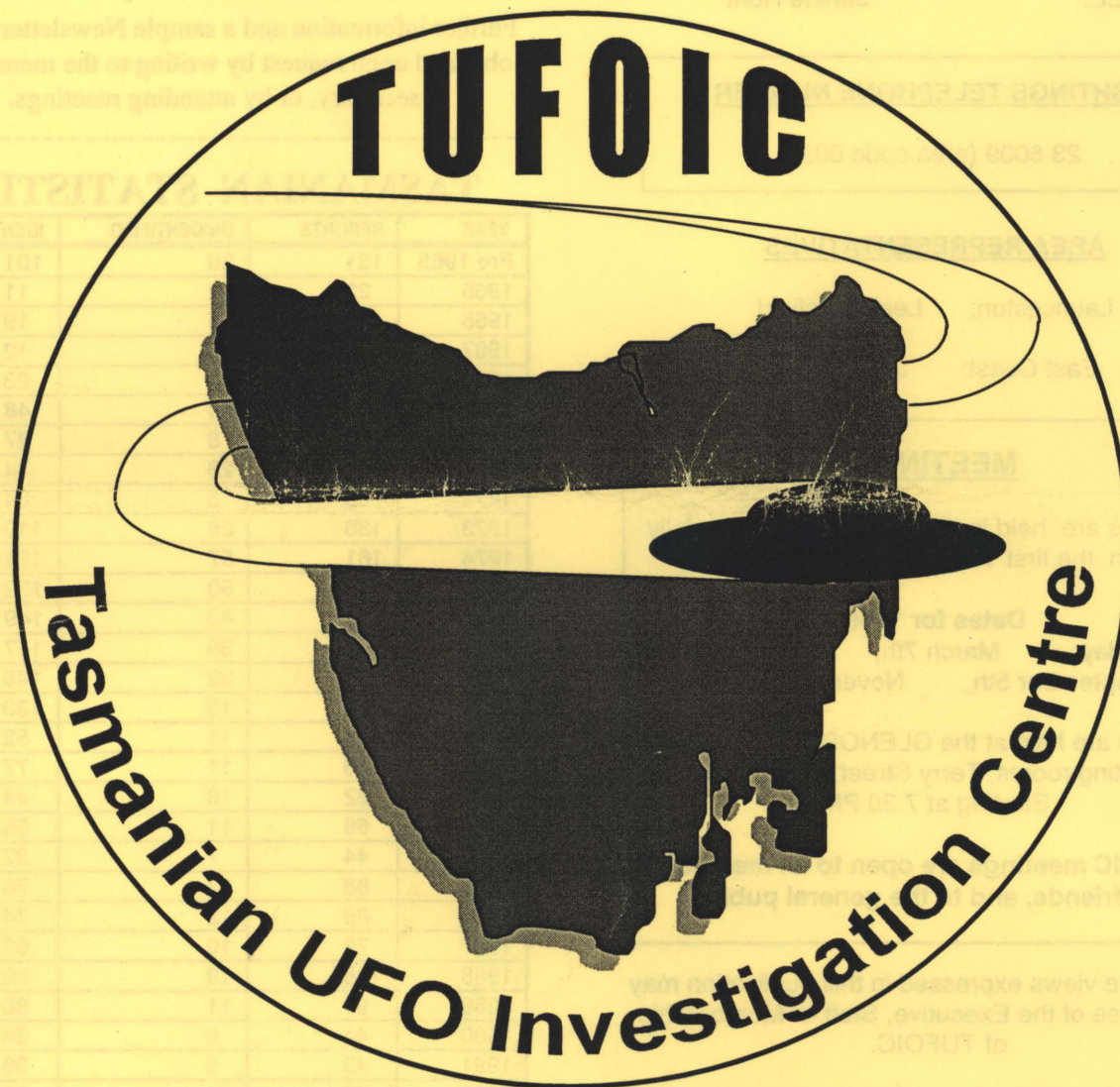


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YEAR	REPORTS	UNIDENTIFIED	IDENTIFIED
Pre 1965	131	30	101
1965	23	12	11
1966	34	15	19
1967	17	5	12
1968	30	7	23
1969	62	14	48
1970	45	8	37
1971	97	23	74
1972	69	15	64
1973	136	26	110
1974	161	57	104
1975	182	50	132
1976	192	43	149
1977	156	39	117
1978	178	32	146
1979	152	19	133
1980	63	11	52
1981	88	11	77
1982	62	18	44
1983	66	11	55
1984	44	7	37
1985	88	12	76
1986	86	12	74
1987	72	10	62
1988	108	19	89
1989	91	11	80
1990	44	6	38
1991	43	5	38
1992	77	14	63
1993	84	5	78
1994	93	10	83

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1995 IN REVIEW

The year 1995 was probably the year for Aliens with the release of the Roswell footage on the 'Alien Autopsy'. Closer to home it was the year for Internet, following a great fund raising effort by Paul Jackson the Centre has been able to connect to the Internet. A wide array of UFO information of all shades awaits the user as one can move from Britain to the United States, Canada, or wherever one chooses to view or download information. The available data and messages are too much for one user to peruse and disseminate as it grows almost as fast as it is looked at, the problem is how to pass on the information to all members. One advantage has been that information and sightings that fail to make it in the Australian media appear on the Internet and TUFOIC is able to copy the data and be informed on recent events world wide.

Roswell's UFO crash and Alien Abductions dominated the scene during 1995. The Centre received a copy of the Alien Autopsy film, the Centre feels that it should keep members informed on all developments, but on the other hand does not draw any conclusions as to the authenticity of such material. Abduction reports were prominent in TV productions and a recent book by Harvard Professor James Mack. Once upon a time abduction reports came from far away places, but they now it seems occur not only in Australia but in Tasmania. Investigating such events is a challenge for the Centre as it moves away from the detailing of events in the night sky. The Centre has had a few reports of abductions although investigation has not always been possible, whilst members of the UFO Connection confirm that they have also dealt with a number of cases.

Incoming calls to the Centre have been steady throughout the year, the orange/red lights reappeared (first reported in mid 1994) this time over Glenorchy, a lot of time and effort went into follow up on the sightings, however, the conclusion was the same as 1994, the lights were probably due to person or persons unknown letting off hot air garbage bags.

Our Australian sightings list is not as extensive as usual but we do not seem to have received as much information on Australian sightings during 1995. A number of interesting cases are mentioned in our listing but we regret that on some reports we have no other detail, this is disappointing with a number of Close Encounter reports from various states.

Media coverage has been virtually zero for local cases, however, general items have appeared mainly in the Launceston Examiner.

Such TV programs as 'The Extraordinary', and X-Files have maintained some sort of interest in the phenomena.


Membership of the Centre has remained stable, with a continuation of our Quarterly meetings, these it has to be admitted have suffered from a lack of local UFO activity to report, plus there is a dearth of speakers on associated topics. On the downside is the loss of our Library space with Dejavue Books, however, the Centre has appreciated their assistance over the years.

During the we year we reluctantly took the decision to changed our postal address from the North Hobart Post Office, which we had maintained for the last 15 years, to the South Hobart Post Office. We realise that the change will inconvenience many of our readers, but became necessary due to continued difficulties in clearing the old Box at regular intervals. We trust that the change will enable us to provide a better and faster service to our members and correspondents.



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UFO has Britain baffled

LONDON — British UFO enthusiasts were delighted yesterday when an official committee admitted it was baffled by a pilot's report of a lighted, wedge-shaped object flying near his Boeing airliner.

A British Airways Boeing 737 was approaching Manchester airport in northern England on January 6 last year when captain Roger Wills and co-pilot Mark Stewart saw the object.

Examiner (Launceston) - Feb. 4th, 1996

UFO could be Loch Ness monster

LONDON: A huge UFO reported by several people flying across north-west Scotland at the weekend may have escaped from Loch Ness. Coast guards said it could be a promotional blimp that broke loose from a party to celebrate the world premiere of the film, Loch Ness, starring Cheers star Ted Danson.

The Australian - Feb. 6th, 1996

SIGHTINGS 1995

Sightings for the year came mainly in two parts, the early months, then about September to October. The Centre was busy with investigations in the earlier part of the year due to probable hoax balloons in Hobart suburbs but a steady flow of cases came to our attention until late in the year when contacts fell away to practically zero.

Our first sighting actually comes from the end of 1994 but for that reason did not get a mention in our 1995 Annual Report. Mr W and a friend reported a sighting on December 31st (1994) at 6pm. Mr W was staying in the area for a holiday and had gone to the beach at The Gardens to do some fishing, the weather at the time of the sighting was

fine and clear. Mr W's friend was first to notice something in the sky approaching from the north, he called for W's attention to something passing overhead.

W looked up in time to see an oval shaped object, a bit like an Australian Rules football in shape moving fast and silently overhead and passing down the coastline towards the south. The object had a bright metallic colour and he noticed that the sun was reflecting brightly off the object's surface. He could not see any wings or tail on the object at any stage during the 30 seconds he observed the object prior to its disappearance into the distance.

W who is a light aircraft pilot had a radio with him, he tried a few minutes after the sighting to call up "the aircraft" but received no reply.

W was puzzled by the silent passage of the object which he estimated could not have been at more than a 1000m elevation. It looked larger than a light aircraft but looked to be moving at an estimated 100 to 150knts.

Soon after some more people arrived at the beach but they said they had no seen or heard any aircraft as they arrived. W says from his experience as a current light aircraft pilot he could not identify the object and is positive it

had no wings or tail. The sighting was reported the following day but no follow up could be made on aircraft movements in the area, it was suggested it could be one of the many planes covering the movement of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race fleet.

The first case for the calendar year of 1996 was

not long in coming, Ms A reported sighting a strange light on the evening of January 3rd at 11.15pm. Ms A had been to see a friend on the Tasman Peninsula and was returning north on the Port Arthur Highway just south of Dunalley when she noticed an orange to yellow light appear in the sky towards the Hobart Airport location.

However, the light did not perform like an aircraft, in a matter of seconds it had moved at low level to be out over Frederick Henry Bay. The light then stopped in a position roughly towards the northern end of Tasman Peninsula near Lime Bay, then it seemed to turn off. The witness slowed down and pulled up her car to have a better view across the water, she noticed that the light had reappeared and was moving across the water towards her location, by the time it had closed the distance by half she decided to "take off". She had one last glimpse of the light seemingly behind the vehicle as she sped off towards Dunalley, she did not notice the light again. The whole event was over in about 2 minutes whilst the second stage of the sighting lasted probably no more than ten seconds.

The witness pulled up in Dunalley but no light was visible in the sky although it had been at very low elevation. The Centre contacted the Airport but they had closed at 10pm, follow up with Police, and local contacts only revealed a young boy who said he had seen a bright orange light over some Dunalley buildings but it had shot off to the north west, this was nearly an hour before the event at 11.15pm.

1995 Statistics

Unidentified	12
Aircraft	8
Astronomical	36
Balloons/Flares	14
Ground Lights	3
Hoax/Noise only	3
Insufficient Info./Under Investigation	8
Meteorological	2
Satellites	4
TOTAL REPORTS	90

Coles Bay Sighting

It was another month before the Centre's next unidentified report, this time on February 8th at 10.10pm, the witness, a motorist, contacted the

Centre the following day. Mrs S was on holiday with her family and was staying just north of Coles Bay, she had been to Coles Bay itself

and was returning north to the family holiday shack. Mrs S noticed two lights out to her left (west) as she was passing Muirs Beach, the lights were so low that she took them at this stage to be lights on the mast of a fishing boat. The two orange lights which were larger than Venus sized were side by side and almost at horizon level out over the water. The lights were obscured by trees and the fact that the road headed away from the water for a short distance. However, on going over the hill near Swanwick Mrs S noted the lights for the second time and they were changing position in relation to each other, they were one above the other then side by side. Despite the fact that Mrs S

Easter Reports

Two reports remain unidentified from the Easter period one from a Weather Observer at Hobart Airport, the second from Sloping Main on Tasman Peninsula, one of the 3 reports from that area during 1995.

C who takes weather observations at Hobart Airport reported sighting an object that puzzled him at 6pm on the evening of April 12th. While doing the observations he looked towards Breakneck Hill near Cambridge and noted a black to dark brown shape that he took to be an aircraft, the shape was at a low elevation of around 200m and travelling NNW, no flashing lights were seen, although C says he did not take a great deal of interest at this stage. The strangest part of the sighting occurred next, the shape suddenly increased speed and in two to three seconds had disappeared from sight into the northern sky. The speed of the shape's departure was the fact that puzzled C, the acceleration just rules out the light aircraft theory. The shape was in sight for about a minute and C estimated it was some 4-5k distant. He contacted the Airport Tower at once but they had not seen anything or have any

travelled some 5k to the north the lights remained to her west although when she turned off for the family shack the lights appeared very low to the south west. On arrival at the shack she called out other family members to view the lights. The lights continued to move about each other but lost elevation and were obscured by trees after some 5 minutes of viewing. The lights which were initially out over Great Oyster Bay were last seen over Moulting Lagoon, Mrs S had the impression they were always over the water. The Centre's local contacts uncovered no additional sighting, whilst a check for possible astronomical explanations was equally unsuccessful.

known aircraft in the area at that time.

The Centre received a number of reports attributable to meteorites during Easter but M who was with his family camping at Sloping Main saw something else about 8.30pm on April 18th. The family was gathered around the camp fire with M facing inland looking at the rather overcast sky. He noticed a circle of whitish to yellow light on the clouds, it was about the size of a full moon but was moving about in an erratic circle motion. The area of light then moved rapidly to the witnesses right (south west) and out over the water of Frederick Henry Bay. The light just kept going at a high speed towards the north west and was out of sight in a few seconds. There were a few gaps in the clouds but the appearance of the light area did not seem to alter as it passed these gaps. The witness heard no sound associated with the light. None of the other family members saw the area of light, by the time M could call their attention the light had disappeared. The sighting lasted some 10 seconds. There was no air traffic in the area and contacts with local residents proved negative.

Auto Stop on Tasman Peninsula

Eight years have passed since the Centre received a report that involved the possible auto stop of a motor vehicle. Whilst proceeding with investigations into other reports the Centre learnt of the case from the witnesses' sister. Mr D said that he was puzzled by the incident and was unable to come up with a logical explanation for the events on the evening of August 29th when he twice encountered a rectangular object.

The first encounter was about 8pm as he was travelling to Port Arthur, then on the same stretch of road about 9.30pm.

Mr D says that he has been a mechanic for 16 years and had his motor vehicle in perfect order, he was unable to find anything wrong with his car at the time of the sighting, and it has run without a miss ever since. The Centre received no other reports from the area although the sighting took place on an isolated stretch of road with no other traffic about.

D was heading east to Port Arthur to collect his daughter, travelling with him was his 16 month old daughter. He was some 8k east of the historic town on the Tasman Peninsula of South east Tasmania when a bright white mass of

light was noticed to the south of the road. D estimated it was about 1k distant but took little notice of it at this time as he thought it was probably a reflection in the car's windscreen. At the same time his car 'played up' a bit, but as the light seemed to vanish into the distance ahead and the car resumed normal running he thought no more about it.

An hour and a half later around 9.30pm D was returning along the same road, this time heading towards the west. When about 5k west of Port Arthur the cigar white mass of light reappeared in the sky. D said he had just passed the Radnor turn-off when he saw the shape to the south of the road. The shape accompanied D as he drove on for several kilometres until he neared Marsh Road, the location of his first encounter earlier in the evening.

September Reports

Mrs E of Snug was looking out at the moon about 6.35pm on the evening of September 6th when she noticed some lights, she called her children to come and see some funny lights in the sky. Mrs E saw two white lights close together, one would flash off then reappear in a different position, the second light would then do the same as they gradually progressed lower towards the south. The lights would remain in the same position for a number of seconds before repeating the performance then changing positions.

Aircraft, Satellite, or What?

At times the Centre spends a great deal of effort in trying to uncover the source for a variety of Nocturnal Lights reports that come to hand. Most cases can easily be accounted for as aircraft or satellites, some reports which have a time duration too long to be meteors or re-entries present complications. Investigations that can be commenced at once into the source of the lights can account for aircraft movements, whilst satellite information may be downloaded from the Internet. The problems arise when none of the aircraft or satellites fit the detail obtained from the witness, such a case occurred from Devonport at exactly 4.32am on the morning of October 19th..

Mr N tells how he had woken up to let the dogs out early in the morning, at the same time he noticed a bright white light on the north-east horizon, when he realised the light was moving he ran inside to fetch his binoculars. Unable to locate them at once he returned outside, by

Now D noticed that the car's motor had started to miss, this went on until all the lights went off and the power failed on his car. D estimated that the cigar shape had stopped in the sky just south of the road at a distance of about 200m.

Despite feeling apprehensive about the nearby cigar D decided to check under the bonnet, using his torch he checked the battery, starter motor, and general wiring, but could not find anything amiss. D said with his children in the car and the nearby presence of the object he returned to the car to see what would happen next. Then he noticed that the cigar had commenced a movement to the west, he tried to start the car and it fired up first time. He quickly shut the bonnet and noted as he did that the cigar had dwindled in size to be distant light in the west, by the time he drove off it was obscured by roadside trees and not seen again.

The lights finally went off then were noticed almost at once just above the hill line on North Bruny.

The second September case was on the 22nd from the Huon Valley, a witness returning home about 11.40pm witnessed the passage of a oval to oblong orange coloured object over a Huon valley. The object was moving slowly so that the witness had time to stop and view it as it passed in a curve from north east to south west. The silent object looked to be below the high overcast as it was finally obscured by hills to the south west of the witnesses location.

now the "star" was nearly overhead and moving fast towards the south-west.

The light seemed to gain in brightness as it was overhead but soon after the witnesses view was blocked by the roof-line of his house. Mr N says the silent light was in view for a minute or so, the light was white, but seemed more of a glow or circle of light.

The weather at the time was clear with a half moon. A check of satellite information failed to locate anything to account for the reports, whilst enquires into aircraft movements also failed to produce a culprit. The witness viewed the sky on subsequent mornings, he noted several aircraft on the flight pattern suggested by Melbourne Air Traffic Control from north-west to south-east. The aircraft took 7 minutes or more to cross the sky, their engine sound could be heard, also they were visible as flashing red and green lights. The aircraft probability appears low, no satellites are listed, so the sighting was due to "what"?

PUZZLING OBJECTS OVER HOBART SUBURB

Three cases of unidentified lights were reported to the Centre in late October early November all from the same Hobart Suburban area or Warrane/Bellerive. Rapid movement was a feature in each case with two of the reports seemingly at low level in the early hours of the morning.

The L family reported that they were looking out of one of their bedroom windows about 8.40pm on the evening of October 27th. They commented on a bright silvery/white light at about a 40 degree elevation on the Northern sky, the large star sized light did not appear to be moving so little notice of it was taken over the next 10 minutes. However Mrs L on glancing out through the window called the others when she saw that the light had started to move from its original position over Flagstaff Hill.

The family hardly had time to follow the light as it commenced a rapid level track to the south, it had reached a position in the north eastern sky when to everyone's surprise it just shot up and was gone in a second.

Two days later on October 29th at 4am another sighting was reported from the same street in Warrane as the L family home. This time the encountered involved animal re-action and an ear piercing whooshing sound. Mr A was awoken in the early hours by his dogs barking. He locks up his Alsatian in the back garden shed every night, it prevents it from barking all night and keeping everyone awake. He says that the dog has a very deep bark if anyone intrudes on their block, otherwise it is just a few sharp barks if someone is just passing in the street. The dog was giving a deep bark and running against the door of the shed as if to get out. Mr A got up, went through the house and looked out the washhouse window into the back yard. He was surprised to see the yard, and neighbour's house lit up by an orange flickering light, it was as if it was daylight. The yard is usually pretty dark but he was able to read the number plate on the car in the back yard.

At this point in the series of events Mr A's wife says she woke up with an eerie felling, as if someone was watching her. She found that the room was lit up by an orange light and she could hear an ear piercing whooshing noise from outside. She called out for her husband and at once he returned to the bedroom. A decided to see just what was going on outside, putting on his dressing gown he headed for the front door. A went out onto his front porch,

almost at the same instant he saw a streak of orange light shoot off across the sky seemingly from above his house. The streak lit up the clouds as it moved away to the north west in a matter of seconds. The noise ceased, the dogs stopped barking and all was silent again.

A moved down onto his front lawn and at the same time a motorist proceeded up the street, he pulled up and queried if A had seen a stray dog he was looking for, A replied that he had not but in turn asked if the motorist had seen anything strange. The motorist said he had seen an orange light in the sky over A's house. The motorist then drove off leaving a rather startled A and his wife. A then noticed that a young man had come out from one of the flats across the street, the young man just looked about and went back inside the flats.

The Centre contacted Police and Civil Aviation but without success, an article was run in the local Suburban News but no further information was forthcoming about the event. Mr A did not know who the motorist was, whilst the young man left the flats before investigations had been commenced.

Mr A tried to rationalise the event as a flare, F111 aircraft etc: but could not come up with an explanation to account for all the events involved in the sighting.

A third report surfaced during the early hours of November 9th, Mrs K was up about 2.30 to 3.30am, as is her practice she looked out over the bay before retiring to bed. She was puzzled to observe a large round red light above one of the houses 800m away across Kangaroo Bay. The bright light seemed to have lighter patches on the body of the light, giving the impression of differing light intensity. The light was stationary and virtually just above the roof line of a house, an actual estimate of the lights size was about 2 to 3m across. In an instant the light changed position, moving to a new location over a house some 150m to the right of its original location. The light now did not look as bright, however, it only remained in its new location for 30 seconds before instantly reappearing at the original position. The light now back to its initial brilliance was visible for a further 30 seconds before it just went out. The Centre again contacted authorities for possible explanations such as emergency services etc; but no ready explanation was forthcoming. Mrs K even contacted her friend who lives in the area the light was noted but again drew a blank.

Australian Sightings 1994/95

DATE	TIME	TYPE	STATE	LOCATION	EVENT	SOURCE
Nov 15/94	Nite	CE1	NSW	Mendooran Road	Diamond object approaches house, lights, high noise.	Bill Chalker.
Dec 9		CC	SA	Northfield	Crop circle discovered in wheat paddock.	Adelaide advertiser
Dec 10	22.56	NL	VIC	Sale	3 speeding orange LITs seen over area by family.	Gippsland Times
Dec 10	21.00	NL	NSW	Orange	Aqua blue object with flame crossing the sky.	Sun-Herald
Dec 13	Nite	CE2	SA	Adelaide	Motorist engulfed in fog, electrical problems in car.	Sun-Herald
Dec 15	03.00	NL	WA	Perth	Orange object, size of semi-trailer follows guard.	Sun-Herald
Dec 19	04.16	NL	NSW	Curragrang	Large glowing red ball low over area several witness.	AIUFOFSR
Dec 19	20.45	NL	SA	Nth Adelaide	Dome shaped LIT circled by second light.	NUFOR
Dec 31	19.00	DD	TAS	The Gardens	White cigar shape passes overhead, silent, goes South.	TUFOIC
Jan 2/95		NL	NSW	Gundagai	2 witnesses-glowing LIT hovering low follows car.	PRA
Jan 4	23.15	NL	TAS	Dunally	Orange light approached motorist's vehicle.	TUFOIC
Jan 17	03.35	NL	SA	Sth Adelaide	Large blue LIT with many LITs coming & going from it.	AIUFOFSR
Jan Mid	Nite	CE2	NT	Milingimbi	2 witnesses see UFO near road, traces found next day.	UFORQ
Jan 25	21.30	NL	QLD	Proserpine	Several witnesses report bright orange LIT over town.	UFORQ
Jan 29	Nite	NL	NT	Wycliffe Wells	Triangle of lights speed off to the west.	UFORQ
Feb 1	Nite	CE2	NT	Nth Alice Springs	Motorist followed by set of LITs, effects vehicle.	UFORQ
Feb 8	22.00	NL	TAS	Coles Bay	Two orange lights low elevation, circle each other.	TUFOIC
Feb 14	01.30	NL	SA	Althorpe Island	White round LIT comes over island, then hovers in sky.	AIUFOFSR
Feb 21	21.20	NL	VIC	Sale	Flashing LIT sending LITs off into sky, returning later.	VUFORS
Feb 25	20.15	NL	VIC	Frankston	3 LITs moving about each other, then shooting off.	VUFORS
Feb 25	22.10	NL	SA	Murray Bridge	Flat glowing object moving fast, level flight.	AIUFOFSR
Mar 4	20.00	NL	QLD	Algerster	Silvery grey triangle shape passes low overhead.	UFORQ
Mar 5		NL	VIC	Merrivale	2 witnesses-see orange trail of LITs for 15 mins.	Warranambool Star
Mar 16	18.30	NL	SA	Prospect	Orange oval with blue outer ring stationary/shoots off.	AIUFOFSR
Mar 19	19.30	NL	SA	Walleroo	Red glowing light keeps moving up/down behind.	AIUFOFSR
Mar 28	22.00	NL	VIC	Sale (near)	Pyramid object bright LITs and rotating, several witnesses.	Keith Basterfield
Apr	Nite	NL	QLD	Alexandra Hill	Bright white ball seen skimming over roof tops.	UFORQ
Apr 3	20.15	NL	NSW	Armidale	Pilots see lights falling below horizon.	UFORQ
Apr 6	22.30	CE2 ?	SA	Balaklava	Bright white LIT ahead on road, car breaks down.	AIUFOFSR
Apr 11	21.00	NL	NT	Wycliffe Wells	Two flashing LITs at 20deg elevation shoot off at speed.	INUFOR
Apr 18	20.30	NL	TAS	Slopen Main	Yellow area of light moving in circles. shots off to N.W.	TUFOIC
Apr 19	21.30	NL	NT	Driver	Bright orange object seen moving from north to south.	INUFOR
Apr 24	18.00	DD	TAS	Cambridge	Dark shape near Airfield, shoots off to north in a second.	TUFOIC
Apr 27	Nite	NL	SA	Glenelg	Orange LIT source in dark egg shape reported.	ABC News
Apr 28	21.00	NL	QLD	Karana Downs	3 witnesses to gold/orange egg shape.	Brisb Sunday Mail
Apr 28	22.00	NL	ACT	Canberra	Orange LITs reported hovering over city.	Brisb Sunday Mail
May 8	18.15	CE1	SA	Adelaide Hills	Farmer sees disc object with dome, rotates, lights.	AIUFOFSR
May 19	02.05	NL	QLD	Kilcoy	White bright LIT, 10m across, seen over paddock.	UFORQ
May 14	22.30	CE1	VIC	Ballarat	Luminous cigar object hovers over property.	Examiner
May 15	Nite	NL	VIC	Western Vic	4 witnesses see luminous cigar shape hover nearby.	Examiner
Jun 3	20.00	CE1	NSW	Palmer's Island	Large orange disc with lights each side, low level.	INUFOR
June 6	20.30	CE1	NSW	Narrandera	Light paces car for 25k, beam shone on rear car.	AIUFOFSR
June 4	18.15	NL	VIC	Sale (near)	2 Witnesses: see strange orange LIT approach/disappear.	Keith Basterfield
July ?	03.00	CE3	VIC	Sale (near)	Blue LITs seen, 1 witnesses says beings in the house.	Keith Basterfield
July 1	21.00	NL	SA	Loxton	Amateur astronomer photos Orange LIT at low level.	AIUFOFSR
July	Nite	NL	VIC	Sale (near)	Several LITs seen, flash blue/red. Move about or shoot off.	Keith Basterfield
July 1	15.30	DD	NSW	Redcliffe	Grey Cylinder: object seen passing down coast.	INUFOR
July 6	02.00	-	TAS	Sorell	Humming noise/electrical effects in house.	TUFOIC
July 9	00.30	CE1	SA	Wilunga	Disc object at low level, witnesses approaches to 100m.	AIUFOFSR
July 14	18.30	CE1	SA	Middle Creek	Witness reports silver object with LITs at low level.	AIUFOFSR
July 15	Nite	NL	QLD	Brisbane	Reports of orange LITs over city suburbs, video taken.	UFORQ
July 15	Nite	CE1	VIC	Sale (near)	Humming noise, LITs seen by witnesses.	Keith Basterfield
July 15	19.15	CE2	SA	Yorke town	Oval object with noise, paces car, traces found by road.	AIUFOFSR
July 19	18.45	NL	SA	Whyalla	Residents see LITs come together, lift off, hover.	Sun-Herald
July 21	20.45	CE1	VIC	Templestowe	Loud whirring noise, circle of LITs just above house.	Sun-Herald
July 23	01.00	NL	VIC	Heidelberg	Residents see 6 moving colored LITs, hover 15mins.	Sun-Herald

Aug 8	22.35	NL	SA	Glandore	Pilot videos 4 bright yellow lights over area.	AIUFOFSR
Aug 11	21.15	NL	SA	Clare	Oval object with red lights, moving away to S.W.	AIUFOFSR
Aug 17	Nite	CE1	SA	Wellington	Bright red object passes low over house, noise heard.	AIUFOFSR
Aug 19	Eve.	NL	QLD	Kallangur	Video taken of white saucer shape over suburbs.	UFORQ
Aug 28	20.00	NL	NT	Tennant Creek	Truck cab lit up when bluish light seen to SW.	INUFOR
Aug 29	19.10	CE2	SA	Port Elliot	Round red object, causes TV effects, dogs barking.	AIUFOFSR
Aug 29	21.00	CE2	TAS	Radnor	Cigar area of white LIT over road, car motor fails.	TUFOIC
Sept 6	18.35	NL	TAS	Snug	Two flashing white lights moving away to the south.	TUFOIC
Sep 9	20.23	NL	SA	Victor Harbour	Witness videos 4 orange lights, other sightings later.	AIUFOFSR
Sep 10	18.30	NL	SA	Red Hill	Oval object with LITs shinning on ground, moves over car.	AIUFOFSR
Sept 12	19.20	CE2	SA	Newtown	Object with spinning LITs seen, possible effect on TV transmitter	AIUFOFSR
Sep 22	23.43	NL	TAS	Lonnavele	Bright orange rectangle mass moving over valley.	TUFOIC
Oct 20	04.32	NL	TAS	Devonport	Bright white light passes overhead, moving N.E. to S.W.	TUFOIC
Oct 27	20.40	NL	TAS	Warrane	Stationary light to North, suddenly shoots up and away.	TUFOIC
Oct 29	04.10	CE2	TAS	Warrane	Area lit up, dog barking, whistling noise, LIT shoots off.	TUFOIC
Nov 9	03.00	NL	TAS	Bellerive	Red round 3m light at low level over houses.	TUFOIC
Nov 12	13.50	DD	SA	Seacliffe	Bright triangle object changes to circle, moves overhead.	AIUFOFSR

Data on Australian sightings has been compiled from Australian groups/researchers and the press.

REFLECTIONS ON THE VALENTICH EPISODE

BY REG. A. WATSON

Writing is my profession and it is my aim to sell my work to make a living, so I am always on the look-out for a good story. I found "Mystery" subjects sell well, so a few years ago I thought I would tackle the Valentich affair by nature, but as I ventured into the story, I have no doubt that something very mysterious did occur and I have come to believe that UFOs or whatever is the correct term, do exist.

The Valentich disappearance in October 1978 over Bass Strait is an incredible tale. When discussing the sad event with his father, Guido, I asked him, "What do you really think happened to your son?" He immediately replied, "I believe he was abducted". I comment, "It is said that it was a great hoax." Guido replied, "I know my son. He would not do such a thing which would discredit his career."

Readers of the newsletter would be familiar with the case, which I've researched and written on for publication purposes in reasonable detail. I did, however, inspect records of unusual aerial activity before and after Valentich's disappearance and there was something definitely out there!

For weeks prior to the episode, clear and exciting sightings of mysterious flying objects and lights were seen by respectable citizens of King Island from all different occupations,

housewives to fishermen. Indeed there was a hive of media activity in the local newspaper, the King Island News, during late September and the rest of October.

The newspaper was to comment on October 25th 1978, under the heading of "CREDITABILITY OF UFO SIGHTINGS INCREASED" that most members of the public who have contacted the NEWS refuse to accept official explanations of Mr. Frederick Valentich and his aircraft.

"The public is not prepared to be 'fobbed off' with the jargon of officialdom."

And after Valentich's disappearance there was the filming over the Tasman Sea of UFOs by a professional television camera man together with Kiwi journalist, Quintin Fogerty. Mr Fogerty subsequently wrote a book on his experience.

At the time of the Valentich disappearance a Mr. Manifold actually took a photo of the UFO which captured (in my opinion) Valentich's craft. Finally again when speaking to Guido he had this to say: "Years afterwards, a man came to me (not Manifold) and confessed that he actually saw the UFO which took my son. He held a major position in society and did not wish to publicise himself." There is no doubt in my mind, that Frederick Valentich was abducted. Could he then, still be alive?

1994 STATISTICS: 468 SWEDISH REPORTS

The UFO-Sweden national report centre at Uppsala recorded 468 new and retrospective reports in 1994. This is probably the largest number of reports in a single year since the organisation was formed in 1970.

A large number of 1994 cases are still under investigation and evaluation and a reliable number of "true UFOs" vs "IFOs" cannot be given at this time. By comparison, UFO-Sweden recorded 142 reports in 1992, and 245 in 1993. So far, only six reports received in 1993 have been assessed as "true UFOs".

Reports are received on the report centre's 24-hours-a-day phone, by UFO-Sweden's twenty two local groups and by UFO-Sweden's field investigators and contacts throughout the country. Reports are also routinely submitted to UFO-Sweden by Arne Gjardman of the Research Institute of National Defence (FOA), who manages the military UFO report line on 10% of his working time. In the 1990's a close co-operation has developed between FOA and UFO-Sweden.

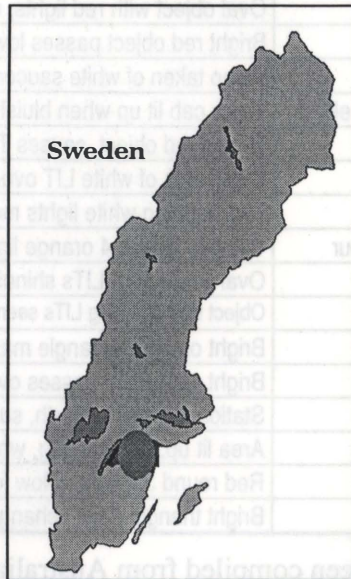
Promising reports are referred to - and investigated by - one of UFO-Sweden's more than 70 accredited field investigators, spread all over the country. Field investigators are trained - since the mid- 1970s - at annual training courses. UFO-Sweden has developed it's own eight page questionnaire, one of the most detailed and investigative-driven report forms in the world.

Each report is assessed by one out of three assessment groups. These three groups are small, five-headed committees formed by experienced field investigators. Each member of the assessment group has one vote. A report can only be judged as a "true UFO" if a majority of the five members are in agreement. The work of the three assessment groups are ruled by a set of guide-lines

Many cases are ruled as "hard-to-judge", most often because pieces are missing in the report: was too old for reliable investigation.

Summaries of all reports are published in a special (Swedish) newsletter, Rapportnytt, and important cases are reviewed in detail in the glossy magazine UFO-Aktuellt, published 4 times a year.

All cases are permanently filed with Archives for UFO research (AFU). Here researchers can thumb through all cases investigated by ufologists, by the military, or reported to the media. The more than 12,000 reports are sorted by date and time-of-the-day. A new database will make it possible to search files by many factors.



Database of 12,000 Scandinavian Cases.

Since 1989 AFU and UFO-Sweden has developed a chronological report file of more than 12,000 cases. The chronological file comprises all Swedish cases reported to civilian and military sources during this century and before.

Starting two years ago, Swedish cases have been entered into a dBase 1V database.

This enormous task was made possible by engaging people who are out of work in a so called ALU project and a grant from a private sponsor for buying old 286 second-hand computers.

"ALU" is a Swedish government scheme to keep out-of-work people active by engaging them in "projects that would not normally be done", i.e. non-commercial projects. ALU employees get their normal compensation from the employment bureau.. AFU has had twenty people employed for 4 to 7 month periods. So far, eleven of them have been involved with the computing project.

The computer file records all known Swedish reports. Each case is assigned a simple index, from 1 to 5, depending on the quality of the data and investigation so that - in the future - the wheat may be sorted from the chaff. The overall objective has been to create a database that represents the sociological, Swedish UFO Phenomenon as a whole, whether IFOs, fantasies or "true UFOs". We estimate that less than 10% of the cases have been assigned the index 3 or 4 (good quality cases) while the majority is indexed as 1 and 2 (low quality cases). So far, no case has met our criteria for index 5.

The computer file includes a phenomenological classification for each report, date and time (even cases with vague date/time estimates are entered), place name, county, map reference, duration, number of witnesses, a short description, source references, etc. Further, the database includes almost 100 detail codes similar to those used by Wily Smith's UNICAT project. Codes are assigned to each case where appropriate. Categories of cases (i.e. photos, EM interferences or high-altitude sightings) may be extracted from the file.

We view the database as an "intelligence file" and therefore it also includes submarine/USO reports, fortran incidents, ghost fliers and missile sightings, more of which will be coded in the coming phases of the project. We have also started to code Norwegian reports into the file.

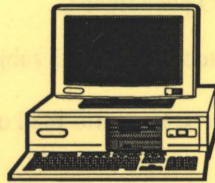
All Swedish airstrips/airports have been coded as geographical "markers" if UFO reports should occur in the vicinity. Coding of other interesting geographical sites/objects is expected (mines, radio/TV towers, power stations, etc).

The file will be used by UFO-Sweden's field investigators in tracking the ufo/phenomenological history of a particular locality. It also expected, of course, that we will be able to produce basic statistics from the file.

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Another UFO sighted in NT

A VISIT by a cigar-shaped unidentified flying object to a remote Northern Territory station was the latest in a series of such sightings, skywatchers said yesterday.

Ross Dowe, spokesman for the Melbourne-based Peacemaker Project, said a station hand who did not want to be named working on a property in the central west of the NT had reported seeing a cigar-shaped object, battleship grey, hovering about 40 metres above cattle and wild horses on range land about 7.20pm on Sunday.

The top of the object appeared to spin and there was a stationary coffin-like box underneath.

"I thought was a willy-willy coming behind me," the man said in an interview taped by Mr Dowe.

A misty gas, like steam, came from the bottom of the UFO.

He had taken two photographs of the object on a disposable camera.

Mr Dowe said he expected to have copies of the photographs by the end of the week.

The incident was the second claimed sighting in the NT of a UFO within five days.

The Northern Territory News reported on Friday a number of witnesses reported seeing strange-shaped lights flying in formation over Darwin.

AAP

Man has ET encounter

CARMEN DE PATAGONES;

Argentina — A 65-year-old rancher claimed yesterday to have been plucked from a fog-shrouded pasture and swept away by an extraterrestrial only to find himself on another property.

Oscar Zavaleta told the news agency Telam that an extraterrestrial appeared to him in the middle of a field on July 14 but that he had not made the event public earlier since "no one would believe me."

Zavaleta says he was walking alone in his pasture when "I became sleepy as a fog engulfed me."

"There I could see, through a sort of net, a face of a sex I could not determine, with long, copper-colored hair," he told Telam.

Examiner (Launceston)
August 10th, 1995

UFO probe

A SIGHTING of a UFO over the English Channel will be investigated by the European Parliament. A British admiral endorsed claims that a fast-moving triangular craft was seen flying near the Kent coast, it was reported in London's Sunday Telegraph. Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton said: "There is no doubt that something happened. The object was tracked by radar. It is a very convincing story."

MYSTERY FIGURE

Whilst there is no connection with the UFO Phenomena the mystery figure seen near Melodale (location on file) late in 1994 is every bit as intriguing. The Centre has maintained a follow up on reports from the area for over 10 years, it seems that the intense black shape has been encountered on a number of occasions dating back to the 1940s.

Our witnesses had been to visit a neighbour and were returning home just on dusk about 9 to 10pm. The wife had alighted from the car to shut a gate they had just passed through, her husband did not observe the figure as it passed behind their car. The wife says she saw a dark elongated shape about 1.8m tall, it had a fuzzy definition on the edge but was otherwise very black. The shape which was just above the ground passed across the track only some 3m from the witness. The shape disappeared up a slope to the witnesses right.

To add to the mystery the figure was seen for a second time, this time by the husband when they arrived home several kilometres from the initial sighting point. The husband parked their car and went to the front of the house to turn on the outside floodlights. At once he noticed the same or similar figure to that seen by his wife. The 1.8m black figure looked like a milk bottle with a rounded top. The shape was atop a mown dam wall just opposite the house. The figure glided almost like a hovercraft as it moved off the dam, across an intervening roadway, then across the lawn past the startled witness. The shape was only 2m from the witness, and although it was moving through the glare of the lights it still remained an intense black shape with a slightly lighter shading on the edges. The husband heard a sound like a soft breeze as the shape was at its closest prior to it disappearing round the corner of the house. Similar reports were made to the Centre in the early 1980s from the same area.

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Reports that are considered authentic, after thorough investigation, are included in the computerised Database file, TASCAT, and are made available to fellow researchers and the public via our publications.

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